



# SELECTION FOR PROVINCIAL TEAMS POLICY

Reaffirmed by the Board of Directors May 2022.

## SENIOR TEAMS

### Ontario Teams Eligibility Criteria

Participants must:

- Be an individual member of Squash Ontario and in good standing with Squash Ontario.
- Be either a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant
- Have resided in Ontario for 12 months preceding the Closed Championship in the season of selection or be in full time attendance at a university or college in the Province of Ontario

### Ontario Teams Selection Criteria

To be selected for Ontario teams, participants must:

- Have participated in 1 Ontario sanctioned soft ball event, said participation to have occurred between successive Ontario Closed Championships
- Have participated in the Ontario Closed Championship in the year of selection
- Be in full time attendance at a university or college, in which case the player may compete for either his/her home province or his/her resident province

Selection:

- Selection will be based on order of finish in the Ontario Closed Championship in the year of selection.
- Will be made no later than December 15 and will be confirmed by the High Performance Committee and approved by the Squash Ontario Board of Directors. An alternate shall also be selected.

Injury:

Once a player has been selected, Squash Ontario will notify the player just prior to booking travel arrangements to once again ensure player has accepted his/her selection. If a player withdraws after that date, that player will be responsible for any costs incurred by Squash Ontario for the team including but not limited to travel, unless a doctor's note is provided.

# JUNIOR TEAMS

## Ontario Teams Eligibility Criteria

Participants must:

- Be an individual member of Squash Ontario and in good standing with Squash Ontario.
- Be either a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant.
- Have resided in Ontario for 12 months preceding the event in question.

## Ontario Winter Games and Ontario Regional Team Championships

Squash Ontario participates in the Ontario Winter Games every other year and facilitates the Ontario Regional Team Championships in the off years. Competition format and selection will be the same for both.

Squash Ontario has been a part of the Ontario Winter Games since 1981 and they are a key component of our junior athlete model and long-term athlete development plan.

Eight regional teams will assemble a team to compete in these events:

- Greater Toronto Area East
- Greater Toronto Area West
- Greater Toronto Area North
- Northern/Muskoka
- Ottawa and District
- Western Ontario
- Southwestern Ontario
- Niagara Region

Each team will have one representative from each of the divisions below:

- Boys Under 19
- Girls Under 19
- Boys Under 17
- Girls Under 17
- Boys Under 15
- Girls Under 15
- Boys Under 13
- Girls Under 13

Team Selection:

Greater Toronto Area teams will be chosen based on Squash Ontario Junior Rankings as of January 1st, the year of the event. All other regional teams will host try-outs to compete for a

spot on the team. Try-out information will be posted on the Squash Ontario calendar by January 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

### Canada Winter Games

The Canada Winter Games runs every four years.

The selection of Team Ontario is based off a 2-year cycle. For the 2023 Canada Winter Games, year one is considered the 2021-2022 season and year two is considered the 2022-2023 season. Final Team Ontario selection is made in December of year two.

During year one, the squad is decided on by the Provincial Coaches and the Junior Advisory Committee (JAC) before the start of the season. It is comprised of the top ranked boys and girls who will be in the under 17 and 19 divisions at the time of the Games. Players who are not initially named to the squad are still eligible to make the selected team if they meet all requirements.

After the Ontario Junior Closed in year two of the cycle (late November), the Provincial Coaches and JAC will select the final team of 8 players. Team Ontario is comprised of the top 2 ranked Boys and Girls in the U19 and U17 categories as of December 1st. A minimum of 2 under 17 players must be selected, and the committee reserves the right to choose more than 2 under 17 players if their ranking is higher than the top 2 under 19 players.

Players must participate in the Ontario Junior Open of year one, Gold # 1, Gold # 2 and the Ontario Junior Closed Championships in year two and attend training camps set up by Squash Ontario.

If an athlete is attending a post-secondary institution as a full-time student in the Fall of year two, they may request an exemption of participating in Gold #1 and Gold #2 but must participate in the Ontario Junior Closed.

The JAC and Provincial Coaches reserves the right to request a trial if rankings are considered insufficient and there are insufficient head-to-head results.

In the case of injury or illness for not attending a required selection event, a medical certificate will be required. Squash Ontario must be notified of the injury immediately. The medical certificate must include, but not be limited to, the date of injury, diagnosis, treatment plan, and expected date to return to training/competition.

Squash Ontario will be providing financial assistance to the Canada Games Squad and Team members. Funding must be repaid to Squash Ontario if an athlete has accepted the funding, accepted a team position and then decides to forgo participation at the Canada Winter Games (unless athlete is unable to participate because of documented illness).